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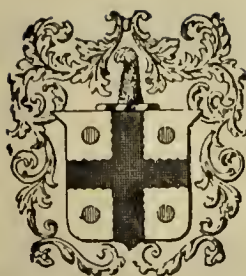
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Topography

CLAYTON-LE-MOORS

Lancashire, N.E.

53° 46" to 53° 48" latitude.
2° 22" to 2° 24" longitude.

Enfield

Highest part of Township above Sea level, 540 feet.
Mean level, 470 feet.

Oakenshaw

Lowest part of Township above Sea level, 240 feet.
Mean level, 390 feet.
Landfall. South-Easterly to North-Westerly.
550 to 200 feet.

Climate

Exposed : Atmosphere damp.
Prevalent Winds : Westerly, South-Westerly.

Soil

Moorland, Clay.
Surrounding Hills : On the North the Pennine Range.
North-East : The Pendle Hills.
North-West : Minor Hills.
Annual Rainfall : Average, 50 inches.

Rivers

The Hyndburn, the chief recipient of the rainfall of the district.

Canals

Leeds and Liverpool Canal, dividing the Township into higher and lower portions, Enfield and Oakenshaw.

Industries

Brick-making, Soap-making, Domestic Machine making, Cotton Weaving, Lithographic and Letterpress Printing, Hydraulic Ram making, Chemicals and Colours, Paint and Varnish Manufacturing, Vitreous Glaze Enamelling, Electric Domestic Appliances and Emery Cloth.

Area	1039.922 acres.
Area of Water	18.078 „
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							1058 „
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Population

Census 1951	6,825
Estimate, mid-1955	7,010
Rateable Value, December 31st, 1955	£44,800
Sum represented by a Penny Rate, 1955/56	...	...	...	...	...	...	£172

Inhabited Houses

Census, 1931	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,101
According to Rate Book, 1954	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,391
New Houses Certified	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Average Persons per House	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.90
Uninhabited Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Houses Demolished	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

Estimated Population

Year			Year		
1841	...	2,602	1941	...	7,034
1851	...	3,292	1942	...	6,820
1861	...	4,679	1943	...	6,664
1871	...	5,390	1944	...	6,705
1881	...	6,694	1945	...	6,410
1891	...	7,134	1946	...	6,607
1901	...	8,159	1947	...	6,680
1911	...	8,868	1948	...	6,698
1921	...	8,579	1949	...	6,774
1931	...	7,909	1950	...	6,742
			1951	...	6,823
			1952	...	6,817
			1953	...	6,997
			1954	...	7,020
			1955	...	7,010

Inhabited Houses

Year				
1911	Census			2,011
1921	„			2,063
1931	„			2,101
1941	According to rate books			2,228
1951	„	„	„	2,289
1952	„	„	„	2,311
1953	„	„	„	2,390
1954	„	„	„	2,391
1955	„	„	„	2,395

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
COUNCIL OFFICES,
CLAYTON-LE-MOORS.
1956.

**To the Chairman and Members of the
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CLAYTON-LE-MOORS**

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the report on the health of the District for the year 1955.

The birth rate for the year was exceptionally low, and there has been a halt to the steady rise in the population of the town which has continued since 1945.

This year was one in which measles was exceptionally prevalent but fortunately mild in character.

Shortly after the close of the year under report, we suffered the loss of Councillor Mrs. Kennedy, J.P., Chairman of the Health Committee. Her wide range and deep interest in public affairs are freshly in the memory of us all. She was also a member of the Divisional Health Committee and Chairman of its Maternity and Child Welfare Sub-Committee. Keenly interested, she was kindly and sympathetic at all times and we greatly miss her.

During the year I have highly appreciated the hard work and friendly co-operation of Mr. Bailey, and the help and friendliness of the Clerk of the Council and other members of the staff.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman and the Council, for your continued interest in all that affects the health of the people.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

R. C. WEBSTER,
Medical Officer of Health.

	LIVE BIRTHS			DEATHS (all causes)			STILL BIRTHS			MATERNAL MORTALITY			INFANT MORTALITY			
													TOTAL		NEO-NATAL	
	No. registered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. registered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. registered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. registered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 live births
Year 1955	64	*9.1	101	*14.4	5	72	nil	nil	2	31	1	16				
Year 1954	90	12.8	89	12.7	2	22	nil	nil	1	11	1	11				
Year 1953	84	12.0	84	12.0	4	45	1	11.36	1	12	nil	nil				
" 1952	94	13.8	101	14.8	2	21	nil	nil	4	43	3	32				
" 1951	95	13.9	105	15.4	3	31	nil	nil	5	53	4	42				
" 1950	99	14.7	94	13.9	2	20	nil	nil	1	10	1	10				
Avg. 5 years—1950—1954	—	12.7	—	14.1	—	37.8	—	—	—	29.8	—	—				

* Adjusted { live birth-rate (comparability factor, 1.06) = 9.7 per 1,000
death-rate (comparability factor, 1.00) = 14.4 per 1,000

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1955	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Tuberculosis—respiratory	1	—	1
Syphilitic Disease	1	—	1
Other infective and Parasitic Diseases	—	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	—	2	2
" " lung, bronchus	1	—	1
" " uterus	—	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	3	5	8
Vascular lesions of nervous system	3	14	17
Coronary disease, angina	9	3	12
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1	2
Other heart disease	7	13	20
Other Circulatory Disease	1	2	3
Pneumonia	2	—	2
Bronchitis	8	5	13
Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostrate	1	—	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	7	8
Motor vehicle accidents	1	—	1
All other accidents	4	1	5
Totals	44	57	101

The following Sections of the Report viz. :—

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA
HOUSING AND INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION
OF FOOD

have been prepared by

F. BAILEY, Esq., M.R.S.H., M.S.I.A.
Sanitary Inspector

and

Cleansing Superintendent

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA, 1955

Ambulance Facilities

These are provided by the Lancashire County Council.

Nursing

The Home Nursing Service is provided by the Lancashire County Council.

Domestic Help Service

The County Council provides this : the Home Helps are engaged on an hourly basis and are available for maternity cases and cases of illness.

Maternity and Child Welfare

This service is administered by the Lancashire County Council. Infant Welfare Clinics were continued weekly, Ante and Post-Natal Clinics are now held on alternate weeks. The help of the ladies on the voluntary committee at the Infant Welfare Clinic is again gratefully acknowledged.

Day Nursery

This service is administered by the Divisional Health Authority, Accrington. The nursery was opened on the 9th February, 1953, and is capable of providing all necessary facilities and accommodation for 50 children. The staff consists of 1 Matron and 10 Assistants and charges are made according to the financial circumstances of parents seeking admission for their children, the maximum being 6/- per day, per child, with a proviso that any second child, etc., is only charged at the rate of 3/- per day.

School Medical Inspection

The school medical service is provided by the County Council. Medical Inspection was carried out by the Medical Officers of the County Council.

The School Clinics continued as usual at Rishton comprising Minor Ailments, Orthopaedic, Ophthalmic and Dental Clinics.

Immunisation Clinics were held regularly at the Welfare Centre.

Hospitals

No Hospitals or Registered Nursing Homes existed within the Urban District.

Health Education

The services outlined above are available to all and are, generally speaking, well used. Efforts are made to secure a wider use of the Health Services by the personal recommendation of the Medical Officer, Health Visitors, School Teachers and others. Posters are exhibited at the Town Hall, Welfare Centre, Clinics, and in the Schools.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The Accrington District Water Board undertake this service and make the necessary tests of the quality of the water. The supply was constant and sufficient as every house is served, no extension of piped supplies has been required. The conversion, as time goes on, of waste water to fresh water closets will, however, increase the water needs of the district.

Drainage and Sewage

This service is undertaken by the Clayton-le-Moors and Great Harwood Joint Sewerage Board, and extends to all premises save a few isolated farms. Periodical testing and flushing was carried out.

Scavenging is carried out by the Health Department of the Local Authority.

Further details regarding Sanitary circumstances, Housing and Inspection and Supervision of Food, are contained in the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year 1955 and the number of deaths from the disease which occurred in the various age groups.

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years								
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
15	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
55	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
65	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 and upwards ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	4	4	1	1	1	0	—	—
	8		2		1		—	

Pulmonary *Non-Pulmonary*
 M. F. M. F.

Number of Cases on the Register at

31/12/55 27 13 4 3

Mortality Rate for 1000 est. population, Respiratory T.B. 0.14.

During the year 7 cases of Tuberculosis were removed from the register, the reasons being as follows :—

Deaths from Tuberculosis ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Recovered or Quiescent ...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Transferred from this area...	...	...	...	...	...	5

The Tuberculosis Service for the area was administered by the Regional Hospital Board and County Council in association, and one of their principal dispensaries is only a few yards outside the boundary of the Urban District.

This Dispensary is regularly open, with a full clerical and health visiting staff. One consultant and one other Tuberculosis Officer attend several times a week to see patients recommended for consultation by local practitioners, or cases found by the Medical Officers in course of routine work in schools, ante-natal or welfare clinics.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS

The table below shows the number of cases of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis during the year.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES	TOTAL CASES ALL AGES	REMOVED TO HOSPITAL	DEATHS IN HOSPITAL	TOTAL DEATHS
Acute Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	1	1	—	—
Acute Pneumonia ...	2	—	—	—
Measles ...	152	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	5	4	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	6	—	—	—
Erysipelas ...	1	—	—	—
Total ...	167	5	—	—

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47 NATIONAL ASSISTANCE AMENDMENT ACT, 1951 Section 1

Nil.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES, HOUSING, INSPECTIONS AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Sanitary Inspections

The number of premises visited during 1955 was 1213.

From these visits, 107 nuisances and defects were noted and 137 were remedied.

2 statutory and 44 informal notices were issued.

Closet Accommodation

Number of houses and premises using :—

Fresh Water Closets (connected to sewers) ...	1,535
Waste Water Closets (estimated)	1,551
Pail Closet System	4
Privy Midden System	3
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Total number for houses and premises	3,093
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85 blocked drains, in connection with waste-water closets, were opened.

During the year, 42 waste water closets and 1 pail closet were converted to fresh water closets.

Ashpit Accommodation

Number of houses at which movable ashbins were substituted for fixed receptacles during year—Nil.

There are 2,545 moveable ashbins.

The tipping is controlled and is situated on the old printworks site at Oakenshaw.

Income :—Tipping charges £33. 12s. 6d.

Public Cleansing, 1955

Ashpits emptied	1
Dustbins emptied	127,132
Cesspools, etc., emptied	2
Privy Pails	40
Motor loads of house refuse removed to tips ...	1,047
Motor loads of street sweepings removed to tips ...	8
Motor loads of gulley refuse removed to tips ...	50
Motor loads of clinkers, etc., used for top dressing ...	20
No. of loads tipped by private contractors on refuse tip	269
Houses fumigated	2
New houses certified as fit for human habitation ...	4

Details of Salvage Collected and Sold during year ended 31st December, 1955

				APPROX. VALUE			
				T. C. Q.	£	s.	d.
Paper	...	...	...	34 13 0	280	15	2
Scrap Metal	...	...	...	39 0 0	58	10	0
				73 13 0	339	5	2

Shops Act, 1950

331 shops were inspected under the above Act and no infringement of the Act was observed.

Offensive Trades

The principal type of offensive trade in this district is soap boiling, and no action was required to be taken as these works are very satisfactory.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948

1. Inspections

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	18	18	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	76	76	—	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out - workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	94	94	—	—

2. Cases in which defects were found

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	—	1	—	1	—
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ...	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	—	1	—	1	—

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Council employs a part time Rodent Operator and all complaints are fully investigated. The rodent control methods used by the Authority are in accordance with those recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, who allow a grant aid of 50% towards the net annual expenditure. Systematic inspection and disinfection of surface properties for rats and mice were continued during the year, and the bi-annual treatment of the sewers and manholes has had a considerable effect in reducing infestations both in the sewers and surface properties, in addition, the refuse tip and river banks have been treated to control any possible infestations. During the year free treatment was again afforded to dwellings.

The following table gives a summary of the work done throughout the past year.

	No. of Premises Inspected	No. of Premises found Infested	No. of Treatments carried out
Rats	53	39	50
Mice	10	10	10

Sewer Treatment

	Date	No. of Manholes Treated	Complete Takes	Partial Takes
Test Bait	29/8/55	153	39	1
Full Maintenance	21/3/56	80	6	3

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR, 1955

Total number of houses erected during the year	...	4
(i) By the Local Authority	... ..	—
(ii) By other Local Authorities	... ..	—
(iii) By other bodies or persons	... ..	4

Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year :—

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	... ..	67
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	... ..	179
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	... ..	65
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	... ..	105
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	... ..	—

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	44
Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices :—						
Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	...	...	...			29

Action under statutory powers during the year :—

(a) Proceedings under the Housing Acts, 1936 and 1949						
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs						2
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—						
(a) By owners	...	...	...	...		2
(b) By local authority in default of owners						Nil
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.						
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	...		—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—						
(a) By owners	...	...	...	...		2
(b) By local authority in default of owners						Nil
(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.						
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...					Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	...	...				Nil

Housing Act 1936, Part IV Overcrowding

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	...	...	...	...	...	18
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	...					18
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	...					126

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	7
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during year	5
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	30

Housing Act, 1949

(a) (1) Number of Schemes submitted :—	
(a) by private individuals	5
(b) by the local authority	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses affected ...	5
(b) (1) Number of Schemes approved :—	
(a) of private individuals	5
(b) of the local authority	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses affected ...	5
(3) Number of additional separate dwellings provided	—

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Meat and other foods :—The slaughtering of all animals is undertaken outside the area, there being no private slaughterhouses in the district.

The following foodstuffs were examined and condemned as unfit for human consumption :—

LIST OF CONDEMNED FOODSTUFFS FOR YEAR 1955

	<i>lbs.</i>
Miscellaneous tinned Meats	13
Miscellaneous tinned Fruit	83½
Miscellaneous tinned Fish	½
Miscellaneous tinned Vegetables	6½
Tinned Ham (Boneless)	73
Tinned Milk	8
Tinned Tomatoes	3½
Tongue	43
Total	231

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949
Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilized Milk)
Regulations, 1949

No. of licences issued in respect of Wholesale Distributors :—

Supplementary Licences (Pasteurised)	...	...	3
" " (Sterilized)	...	...	3
" " (Tuberculin Tested)	...		2

No. of licences issued in respect of Retail Distributors :—

Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	...	...	12
Sterilized Milk	...	...	...	...	...	25
Raw Milk	...	...	...	...	...	1

Milk Samples

During the year 32 samples of milk were taken in the area and submitted to the Pathological Laboratory, Royal Infirmary, Blackburn, for Bacteriological and Biological tests, the results being as follows :—

Raw Milk	No.	Sat.	Unsat.	No Result.
Tuberculosis Biological Test	16	16	—	—
Methylene Blue Reduction Test	16	14	2	

Ice Cream

Number of premises registered for the manufacture and sale of ice cream	...	...	...	...	19
Number of premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream. Hot Mix	...	...	...	...	3
Premises registered for the retail sale of ice cream	...				19

Preserved Foods

Number of premises registered for the sale of Preserved Foods	9
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Infectious Diseases

6 houses were disinfected during the year after infectious diseases.
2 books from the library were fumigated prior to re-circulation.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. BAILEY.

Sanitary Inspector.

